

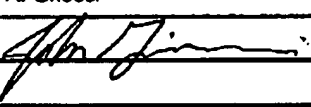
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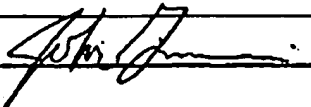
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	Filing Date	June 20, 2003
	First Named Inventor	MACCREADY, Paul B.
	Art Unit	3644
	Examiner Name	HOLZEN, Stephen A.
	Attorney Docket Number	AVI 1005-04US
Total Number of Pages in This Submission		15

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Firm Name	The Law Office of John A. Griecci	
Signature		
Printed name	John A. Griecci	
Date	October 17, 2007	Reg. No. 39,694

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Application No. : 10/600,258 Confirmation No. 7491
Applicant : MACCREADY et al.
5 Filed : June 20, 2003
Art Unit : 3746
Examiner : HOLZEN, Steven A.

Docket No. : AVI 1005-04US
10 Customer No. : 28327
Date: : October 17, 2007

Mail Stop: Office of Finance
Honorable Commissioner for Patents
15 P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REQUEST FOR REFUND

20 Dear Sir:

I. REQUEST

Applicants previously mailed a Petition to Refund Extension Fees ("the Petition")
25 of a four month extension of time fee in the amount of \$740.00, to the Patent
Office for the above-identified patent application. The Petition apparently became
misplaced at the Patent Office, and no reply to the Petition was made by the Patent
Office. Furthermore, no refund of the extension fees has been received by
Applicants. The present Request for Refund requests that the extension of time
30 fees, in the amount of \$740.00, as well as the fee paid for the Petition, in the
amount of \$130.00, be refunded to the Applicants, a total requested refund amount
equal to \$870.00.

II. RELEVANT DATES AND OCCURANCES

35 March 17, 2004: A Petition to Refund Extension Fees (copy attached, as Exhibit
A), accompanied by check number 3220 in the amount of \$130.00 for the
Petition, was mailed to the Commissioner for Patents at Mail Stop
"Petitions," petitioning for a refund of a four month extension of time fee
40 that was mailed with a Response to Missing Parts (dated February 26,

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2004). As can be seen in Exhibit A, the Petition explained in detail the circumstances that led to Applicants petitioning for a refund of the extension fees. Please refer to the attached copy of the Petition for the circumstances that led to the Petition being filed by Applicants.

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March 22, 2004: The return receipt postcard sent with the Petition was date stamped as received by the OIPE at the Patent Office, and the postcard was returned by mail to Applicants. A copy of the postcard as stamped by OIPE is also attached (see Exhibit B).

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October 4, 2007: It came to the attention of Applicants' attorney during preparation of the fees due for a Notice of Allowance in the application, that the Petition was never answered by the Patent Office, and that a refund was never made to Applicants.

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October 5, 2007: Applicants' attorney contacted the Petitions Department at the Patent Office by telephone to request a status of the Petition, and was informed that there was no record of the Petition. A Ms. Patricia Ball, in the Petitions Department, suggested that the Petition may have been forwarded to the Refunds Department in the Office of Finance. However, a subsequent call to the Refunds Department was also unable to locate the Petition. During the telephone conversations, it was recommended that a Request for Refund be made for both the original overpayment of fees, as well as the petition fee and sent by facsimile to the Refunds Department.

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III. EXPLANATION OF WHY A REFUND IS APPROPRIATE

As can be seen from the attached Exhibit A, Applicants properly requested a refund of the overpayment of fees within the two year statutory limit to request a refund. Since the Petition was received by the Patent Office (as confirmed by the stamped, return postcard) yet not responded to, nor a refund made, Applicants again request

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a refund of the extension fees overpaid. As the Petition was never considered by the Patent Office, Applicants also believe the petition fee should be refunded.


IV. MANNER OF REFUND

Applicants respectfully requests a refund of \$870.00 (~~\$740.00~~ four month extension fees, plus \$130.00 petition fee) be credited to Deposit Account No. 50-1809, and that the Law Office of John A. Griecci be notified that the refund has occurred.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at the telephone number listed below if you have any questions regarding this request.

Respectfully submitted,

By:


John A. Griecci
Registration No. 39,694

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**FEE TRANSMITTAL
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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT

(\$ 130.00)

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Application Number	10/600,258
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First Named Inventor	MacCready, Paul B.
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Art Unit	3746
Attorney Docket No.	AVI 1005-04US

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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

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Multiple Dependent	-5** =	X	

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

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John A. Griecci

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Date

March 17, 2004

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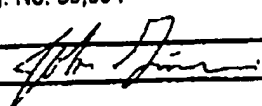
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	First Named Inventor	MacCready, Paul B.	
	Art Unit	3746	
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Applicant : MACCREADY et al.
Filed : June 20, 2003
Art Unit : 3746
Examiner :

10 Docket No. : AVI 1005-04US
Customer No. : 28327
Date: : March 17, 2004

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PETITION TO REFUND EXTENSION FEES

20 Dear Sir:

I. REQUEST

25 Applicants previously filed a petition for a four month extension of time and a
check for \$740.00, along with a reply to a Notice of Missing Parts ("the Notice").
The present petition requests that the extension of time fees, in the amount of
\$740.00, be refunded to the Applicants.

II. RELEVANT DATES AND OCCURANCES

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August 27, 2003: The Notice was apparently mailed by the Patent Office to The
Law Office of John A. Griecci (the "Law Office"), with a shortened
statutory deadline of two months. The Notice recites the correct
correspondence address, but was never received by the Law Office.

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February 5, 2004: Attorney John Griecci of the Law Office contacted the Patent
Office by telephone to request the status of the application, and was
informed of the mailing date of the Notice. At Mr. Griecci's request, the
Patent Office agreed to send a courtesy copy of the Notice to the Law
Office by facsimile. Mr. Griecci made a search of the file at the Law Office

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and verified that the Notice had not been received. Enclosed is a phone memoranda prepared on February 5, 2004, recording the subject discussed in the telephone call.

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5 February 10, 2004: After a second request by Mr. Griecci, a courtesy copy of the Notice was sent to the Law Office by facsimile. Enclosed please find a copy of a cover letter that accompanied the Notice.

10 February 26, 2004: Applicants filed a response to the Notice, along with a petition for a four month extension of time to respond to the Notice. That petition required the payment of a \$740.00 fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(4). Enclosed please find a copy of the petition for a four month extension of time to respond to the Notice.

15 III. EXPLANATION OF WHY A REFUND IS APPROPRIATE

20 On February 5, 2004, an inquiry to the Patent Office by the Law Office resulted in Applicants learning that the Notice had apparently been mailed over five months prior to that date. Applicants prepared and filed a response to the Notice during the three weeks remaining within the 6 month statutory period for the Notice.

25 Had the Law Office not checked on the status of the application, Applicants' first knowledge of the Notice would have been upon receipt of a Notice of Abandonment. In that case, Applicants would have been entitled to petition for revival of the application as unavoidably abandoned, with only the payment of a \$55.00 petition fee. It is inappropriate for Applicants to be penalized with a \$740.00 extension fee simply because they were diligent enough to discover the problem prior to abandonment.

30 Therefore, it is appropriate to reset the response period of the Notice of Missing Parts to run from February 5, 2004, the date Applicants first learned that it had

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Exhibit "A" page 6

been mailed. It is further appropriate to then refund the extension of time fee paid by Applicants.

In the alternative, it is appropriate for the Patent Office to remove the shortened statutory deadline, which is applied at the prerogative of the Commissioner. As noted above, it is further appropriate to then refund the extension of time fee paid by Applicants.


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IV. MANNER OF REFUND

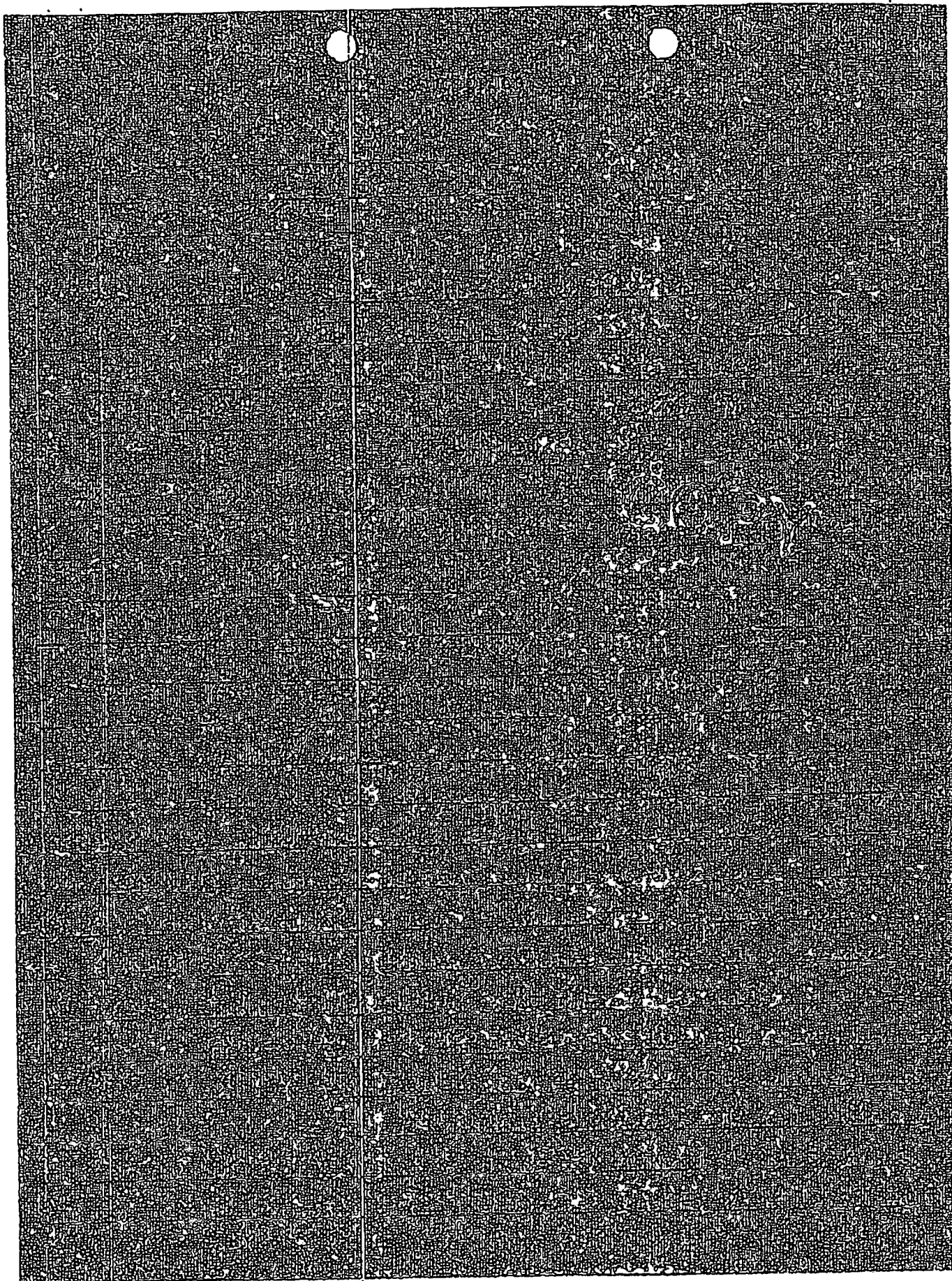
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)		Docket Number (Optional)		AVI 1005-04US
In re Application of		MACCREADY et al.		
Application Number	10/800,258	Filed	June 20, 2003	
For		HYDROGEN POWERED AIRCRAFT		
Art Unit	3746	Examiner		

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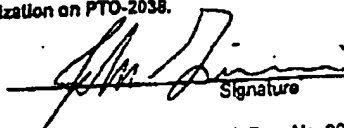
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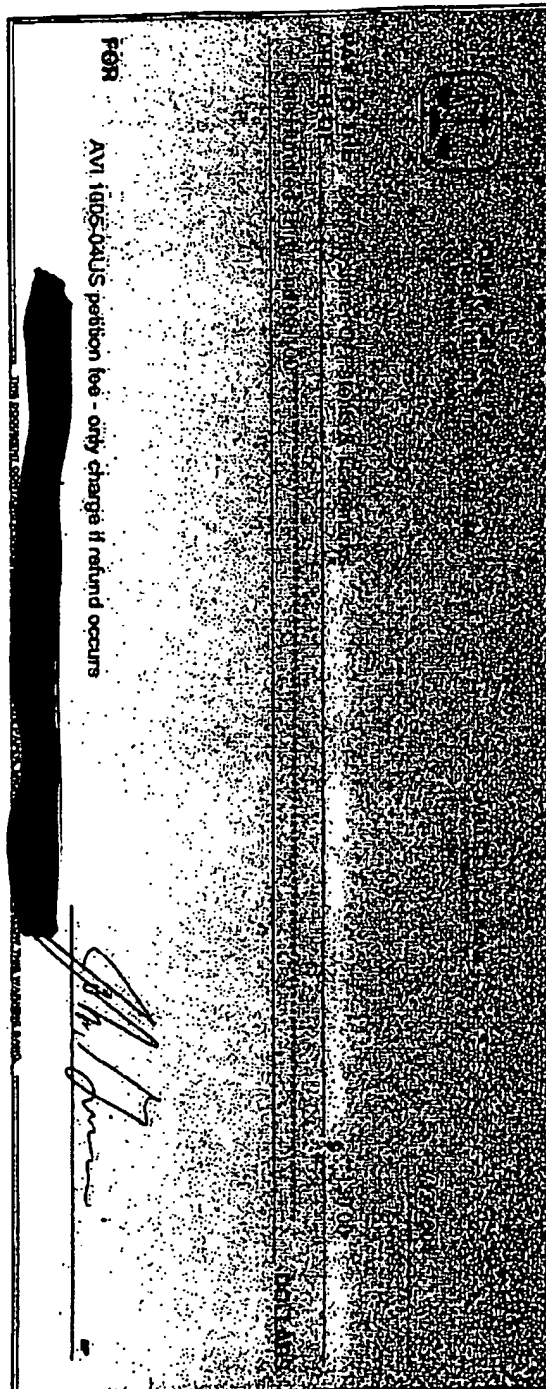
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Please date stamp and acknowledge receipt of the accompanying:

- X Transmittal Form Date Mailed: March 17, 2004
X Fee Transmittal (in duplicate) Check No(s): 3220 for \$130.00
X Petition to Refund Extension Fees, including:
- Copy: The Law Office of John A. Griecci memoranda
- Copy: Cover Letter for Resending Correspondence
- Copy: Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136

Serial No.: 10/600,258 Filing Date: June 20, 2003
Title: HYDROGEN POWERED AIRCRAFT
First Applicant's Name: MAOCCREADY, Paul B.
Examiner: Not yet assigned Group Art Unit: 3746
Attorney Docket No.: AVI 1005-04US Conf. No.: 7491

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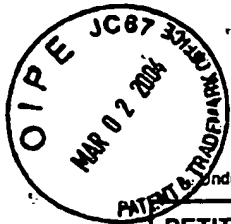
Applicants previously filed a petition for a four month extension of time and a
25 check for \$740.00, along with a reply to a Notice of Missing Parts ("the Notice").
The present petition requests that the extension of time fees, in the amount of
\$740.00, be refunded to the Applicants.

II. RELEVANT DATES AND OCCURANCES

30 August 27, 2003: The Notice was apparently mailed by the Patent Office to The
Law Office of John A. Griecci (the "Law Office"), with a shortened
statutory deadline of two months. The Notice recites the correct
correspondence address, but was never received by the Law Office.

35 February 5, 2004: Attorney John Griecci of the Law Office contacted the Patent
Office by telephone to request the status of the application, and was
informed of the mailing date of the Notice. At Mr. Griecci's request, the
Patent Office agreed to send a courtesy copy of the Notice to the Law
40 Office by facsimile. Mr. Griecci made a search of the file at the Law Office

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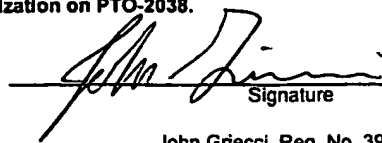
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